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Military action picked up yesterday on Phrom Penh's southern front where some fighting occurred only four miles from the capital. The Cambodian Army command has committed additional reinforcements to this sector. Battle lines now run along the Prek Thnaot River with government forces occupying the north bank and the Communists the south. the insurgents are trying to move captured 105-mm. howitzers within range of the capital. The area immediately northwest of the city was quiet yesterday, and US Military Attaches report that the threat on this front has been eliminated for the moment. Elsewhere, an unconfirmed report indicates that Route 4 has been reopened.

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